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**CLAIMS:**

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3       1. A processor-readable medium having processor-executable  
4       instructions that, when executed by a processor, performs a method comprising:

5           presenting an electronic program guide (EPG) user interface (UI)  
6       illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a grid pattern;

7           monitoring user interactions with the EPG UI;

8           in response to one or more triggering user interactions, presenting a quick  
9       navigation UI having one or more user-selectable options therein;

10          responding to a user's selection of one or more of the options of the quick  
11       navigation UI.

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13       2. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the method further  
14       comprises generating the quick navigation UI and determining which user-  
15       selectable options to include based upon context of user interactions with the EPG  
16       UI before a triggering user interaction.

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18       3. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the method further  
19       comprises generating the quick navigation UI and determining positioning of the  
20       quick navigation UI within the EPG UI based upon context of user interactions  
21       with the EPG UI before a triggering user interaction.

1       4. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the method further  
2 comprises generating the quick navigation UI and determining positioning of the  
3 quick navigation UI within the grid pattern of the schedule of multimedia  
4 programming based upon context of user interactions with the EPG UI before a  
5 triggering user interaction.

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7       5. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein a triggering user interaction  
8 comprises one or more “scroll-forward” selections, such selection are indicative of  
9 a user’s desire to see future scheduled programming in the EPG UI.

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11      6. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the triggering user  
12 interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

- 13       • multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action  
14            which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid  
15            of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;
- 16       • a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-  
17            forward” selection action;
- 18       • a performance of a designated selection action.

1        7. A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the user-selectable options  
2 are selected from a group consisting of:

3                option to search future programming based upon one or more  
4                characteristics of that programming;

5                • option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of  
6                the EPG UI;

7                • option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;

8                • option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;

9                • option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;

10               • option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;

11               • option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;

12               • option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;

13               • option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters the determine which  
14               programs are listed by time within the grid.

1           8. A medium as recited in claim 1, after the presenting of the quick  
2 navigation UI, the quick navigation UI comprises one or more display areas,  
3 wherein contents of such display areas are selected from a group consisting of:

- 4           ● one or more options to search future programming based upon one or  
5           more characteristics of that programming;
- 6           ● one or more options to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia  
7           programming of the EPG UI;
- 8           ● one or more options to view one or more live television multimedia  
9           programs;
- 10           ● one or more options to view one or more on-demand multimedia  
11           programs;
- 12           ● one or more options to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia  
13           programs;
- 14           ● one or more options to view one or more locally stored multimedia  
15           programs;
- 16           ● one or more options to view one or more multimedia commercial  
17           messages;
- 18           ● one or more options to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters the  
19           determine which programs are listed by time within the grid.

1       9.     A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the responding to the user's  
2 selection comprises presenting new content of which is selected from a group  
3 consisting of:

- 4       • a new EPG UI listing future programming based upon one or more  
5            characteristics of that programming;
- 6       • a new grid showing a schedule of upcoming multimedia programming  
7            of the EPG UI starting at a time in the future;
- 8       • a live television multimedia program;
- 9       • a on-demand multimedia program;
- 10      • a pay-per-view multimedia program;
- 11      • a locally stored multimedia program;
- 12      • a multimedia commercial message.

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14       10.    A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein after the presenting of the  
15 quick navigation UI, the EPG UI comprises:

16       a first display area comprises at least a portion of the schedule of  
17 multimedia programming in a grid pattern;  
18       a second display area comprises the quick navigation UI.

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20       11.    A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the quick navigation UI is  
21 presented so that it is inlaid between time blocks of the schedule of multimedia  
22 programming in the grid pattern.

1           **12.** A multimedia presentation system comprising:  
2           a multimedia presentation device;  
3           a medium as recited in claim 1.

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2       **13.** A processor-readable medium having processor-executable  
3 instructions that, when executed by a processor, performs a method comprising:

4           a means for monitoring user interactions with an electronic program guide  
5 (EPG) user interface (UI) illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a  
6 grid pattern;

7           a means for receiving a user interaction with the EPG UI;

8           a means for presenting a quick navigation UI in response to one or more  
9 triggering user interactions, the quick navigation UI having user-selectable  
10 options;

11           a means for responding to a user's selection of one or more of the options  
12 of the quick navigation UI.

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14       **14.** A medium as recited in claim 13 further comprising a means for  
15 presenting the EPG UI.

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17       **15.** A medium as recited in claim 13, wherein the triggering user  
18 interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

19           • multiple repeated performance of a "scroll-forward" selection action  
20            which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid  
21            of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;

22           • a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a "scroll-  
23            forward" selection action;

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25           a performance of a designated selection action.

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2        16. A medium as recited in claim 13, wherein the user-selectable options  
3 are selected from a group consisting of:

4        • option to search future programming based upon one or more  
5            characteristics of that programming;  
6        • option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of  
7            the EPG UI;  
8        • option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;  
9        • option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;  
10       • option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;  
11       • option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;  
12       • option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;  
13       • option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters the determine which  
14            programs are listed by time within the grid.

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2       **17. A method comprising:**

3           receiving one or more user interactions with an electronic program guide  
4 (EPG) user interface (UI) illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a  
5 grid pattern;

6           in response to one or more triggering user interactions, presenting a quick  
7 navigation UI having one or more user-selectable options therein;

8           receiving one or more user selections of one or more of the options of the  
9 quick navigation UI;

10          responding to such user selections.

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12       **18. A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the triggering user**  
13 **interactions are selected from a group consisting of:**

14        • multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action  
15            which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid  
16            of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;

17        • a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-  
18            forward” selection action;

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20        • a performance of a designated selection action.

1           19. A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the user-selectable options  
2 are selected from a group consisting of:

- 3           • option to search future programming based upon one or more  
4            characteristics of that programming;
- 5           • option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of  
6            the EPG UI;
- 7           • option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- 8           • option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- 9           • option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- 10           • option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;
- 11           • option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;
- 12           • option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters the determine which  
13            programs are listed by time within the grid.

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15           20. A method as recited in claim 17, wherein after presenting a quick  
16 navigation UI, the EPG UI comprises:

17           a first display area comprises at least a portion of the schedule of  
18 multimedia programming in a grid pattern;  
19           a second display area comprises the quick navigation UI.

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2       **21.** A multimedia presentation system comprising:

3           a presentation unit configured to present an electronic program guide (EPG)  
4           user interface (UI) illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a grid  
5           pattern

6           an input unit configured to monitor and receive user interactions with the  
7           EPG UI;

8           wherein the presentation unit is further configured to:

- 9           • present a quick navigation UI in response to one or more triggering  
10            user interactions received by the input unit, the quick navigation UI  
11            having one or more user-selectable options;
- 12           • present new content in response to one or more a user interactions  
13            received by the input unit, wherein such interactions are indicative of  
14            a user selection of one or more of the options of the quick navigation  
15            UI.

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17       **22.** A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the new content is selected  
18       from a group consisting of:

- 19           • a new EPG UI listing future programming based upon one or more  
20            characteristics of that programming;
- 21           • a new grid showing a schedule of upcoming multimedia  
22            programming of the EPG UI starting at a time in the future;
- 23           • a live television multimedia program;
- 24           • a on-demand multimedia program;
- 25           • a pay-per-view multimedia program;

- a locally stored multimedia program;  
a multimedia commercial message.

23. A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the triggering user interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

- multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;
- a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action;
- a performance of a designated selection action.

**24.** A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the user-selectable options are selected from a group consisting of:

- option to search future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of the EPG UI;
- option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;

1 option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;  
2 option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;  
3 option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters the determine which  
4 programs are listed by time within the grid.

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1       **25.** A processor-readable medium having processor-executable  
2 instructions that, when executed by a processor, produces an electronic program  
3 guide (EPG) user interface (UI), the UI comprising:

4           a first display area illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a  
5 grid pattern;

6           a second display area illustrating a quick navigation UI, the quick  
7 navigation UI having one or more user-selectable options;

8           an executable process associated with one or more of the user-selectable  
9 options that is configured to present new content in response to one or more user  
10 interactions received by the input unit that is indicative of a user selection of one  
11 or more of the options of the quick navigation UI.

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13       **26.** A medium as recited in claim 25, wherein the new content is  
14 selected from a group consisting of:

- 15           • a new EPG UI listing future programming based upon one or more  
16            characteristics of that programming;
- 17           • a new grid showing a schedule of upcoming multimedia  
18            programming of the EPG UI starting at a time in the future;
- 19           • a live television multimedia program;
- 20           • a on-demand multimedia program;
- 21           • a pay-per-view multimedia program;
- 22           • a locally stored multimedia program;
- 23           • a multimedia commercial message.

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2 27. A medium as recited in claim 25, wherein the triggering user  
3 interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

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- multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;
- a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action;
- a performance of a designated selection action.

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12 28. A medium as recited in claim 25, wherein the user-selectable options  
13 are selected from a group consisting of:

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- option to search future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of the EPG UI;
- option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;

- option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;
- option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters the determine which programs are listed by time within the grid.